

REMARKS

There seems to be a fundamental difference between the way that the Applicant is reading the claim and the way the Examiner is reading the claim.

As well as can be determined, the Examiner simply reads this limitation out of the claim. This is apparently so, based on language at two different places in the office action. Firstly, the Examiner suggests that exchanging buddy lists could be exchanging character set independent information. This simply cannot be so. The buddy list would be text and would be character set dependent. Therefore, the exchange of buddy lists cannot possibly meet the limitation of character set independent information.

The Examiner also again advises that the title should be amended to take out identifying “multilingual” participants, claiming that the multilingual aspect is nowhere set forth in the claim. But, again, this is confusing since the claim calls for identifying character set independent information. This is the information that allows multilingual participants to understand the information, regardless of what character set they may utilize for the particular language they adopt.

Finally, the Examiner contests the argument made in the last response that “however, there is no suggestion that the character set independent information is transmitted to anybody, much less other participants in the network.” The Examiner suggests that this is not set forth in the claim. However, the language is in the claim, as indicated in claim 16 set forth below.

16. A method comprising:
receiving character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc wireless network; and
automatically transmitting said character set independent information about a participant to other participants in the ad hoc wireless network.

Finally, the Examiner again contends that Degnbol teaches exchanging participant profiles, citing page 20, line 34, to page 21, line 6. Instead, the profiles are compared without exchanging them between the participants. Plainly, the language does not meet the claim limitation.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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